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DECIDING AGAINST THE FITZGERALDS.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—In the Criminal Court this city today Judge Wiley delivered his opinion in the case of the United States against N. W. & S. C. Fitzgerald, indicted for violating the postal laws by using the mails for an unlawful purpose. The defendants in this case are the pension claim agents, whose alleged swindling practices in connection with the prosecution of pension claims have been the subject of much public discussion. The particular case on which the indictment was brought is that in which it was charged that the Fitzgeralds induced a woman, named Lake, whose husband had been killed in the Federal Army, to attempt to defraud the pension office. The Fitzgeralds were charged with inducing her to believe that she was entitled to receive, and having caused her to do so, to apply for a pension for money, informing her that the case was in a fair way for settlement.

The question the court decided to-day was a motion to dismiss the indictment which was argued on Saturday last. The court held that the indictment was valid, and that the case upon it should go to trial. The consumption of the Fitzgeralds was not sufficient to warrant a dismissal. The Fitzgeralds were charged with inducing a woman, named Lake, whose husband had been killed in the Federal Army, to attempt to defraud the pension office. The Fitzgeralds were charged with inducing her to believe that she was entitled to receive, and having caused her to do so, to apply for a pension for money, informing her that the case was in a fair way for settlement.

FACTS ABOUT PACIFIC RAILROADS.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—The Secretary of the Interior sent to the Senate to-day, in response to a resolution, copies of all the mortgages executed by the Texas Pacific Company, on file in the Interior Department, and a communication from the Commissioner of the General Land Office containing information in relation to the mortgages.

The mortgages are in the number of three, and the copies of these mortgages, the Secretary points out that only one of them, which bears date June 1, 1872, is on the lands covered by the Senate resolution those granted by the Act of 1871, and that this was satisfied December 9, 1873. The statement submitted by the Commissioner of the General Land Office showing the condition of the railroad as at the construction of which lands have been granted, sets forth the following as the status of the mortgage in question:

Northern Pacific.—Line fixed for completion July 4, 1879; length of proposed road, 2,302.38 miles; completed within specified time, 530.5 miles; miles completed, 1,771.88 miles; estimated number of acres granted, 40,417,200; number of acres patented up to June 30, 1883, 2,302,380.

Great Northern Pacific.—Line fixed for completion July 4, 1878; length of proposed line, 2,420 miles; completed within specified time, 1,100 miles; miles completed, 1,320 miles; estimated number of acres granted, 40,417,200; number of acres patented up to June 30, 1883, 2,302,380.

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THE UNITED STATES ARMY.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—Leave of absence for four months, to take effect from the date of his departure, was granted to Major William Markland, 1st Infantry, March 1; First Lieutenant Hugh L. Scott, 7th Cavalry, about February 20. The leave of absence granted First Lieutenant W. L. Finley has been extended two months.

The bill introduced by Senator Logan in the last Congress, "to increase the efficiency of the Army," was introduced by him to-day. It provides that hereafter no time of peace shall be allowed to the Army changed without the approval of the post-commander. It prescribes the rates of pay for non-commissioned officers and privates; authorizes army officers at posts apart from settlements to employ private messengers; authorizes the purchase of extra pay for services rendered in the field; and provides for the payment of extra pay for services rendered in the field. The bill was passed on the 21st of January.

MISSISSIPPI RIVER CONVENTION.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—The Mississippi River Convention to-day by resolution invited the members of the Senate Committee on the Mississippi River. Improvements and all members of Congress to attend and address the Convention. Senators Logan, Jones and Walker spoke in praise of the practical character of the Senate committee's reports and of their hopes that it would be received favorably by Congress. After a speech by Mr. Lowery, delegate, the convention adjourned for the day.

WITHDRAWAL OF THE TRADE DOLLAR.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—The withdrawal of the trade dollar was discussed by the House Committee on Finance, and a bill was introduced by Mr. Sherman, of New York, to provide for the withdrawal of the trade dollar. The bill provides that the trade dollar shall be withdrawn from circulation on or before January 1, 1885, and that the balance of the trade dollar shall be paid to the holder in gold or silver.

EXTRADITION TREATIES.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—A resolution was favorably reported by the Committee on Foreign Affairs, to enable that committee and the House to examine all the diplomatic notes that have passed between the United States and Great Britain since October 23, 1876, on the subject of extradition; and also to examine any new projects of extradition arrangements that may have been made, on and after the date of the resolution.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Feb. 6, 1884.
THE NAVAL APPROPRIATION BILL.—The House Committee on Appropriations expects to complete the bill for the Navy for the fiscal year 1885. The bill provides for the appropriation of \$11,500,000, being \$3,320,000 less than the estimate, and \$1,500,000 more than the appropriation for the current year. A sufficient amount has been agreed upon to complete the bill for the Navy. Nothing was given, however, for the completion of the bill.

ORDERING SAMPLES OF SINGING.

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NEW RULES FOR BUILDINGS EXAMINERS.

INSPECTOR ESTERHOF'S REQUIREMENTS OF HIS ASSISTANTS.
 The increase in the number of examiners in the Bureau of Buildings, from eighteen to forty, has enabled Inspector Esterhof to divide all the districts into two groups, and to assign to each group a set of rules, to which they must conform closely if they expect to keep their places in the bureau. The examiners are required to report daily to the Inspector, and to receive the results of their examinations. The examiners are required to report daily to the Inspector, and to receive the results of their examinations.

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 A mass meeting will be held in the Cooper Union on the evening of Thursday, February 14, to urge the passage of the proposed bill to concentrate the power in the Mayor. The bill provides for the Mayor to have the power to appoint and remove all the officers of the city, and to have the power to appoint and remove all the officers of the city.

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 The sale of boxes for the hall at the Metropolitan House on March 5, for the benefit of the Hebrew Orphan Asylum, was held at the Metropolitan House. The sale was a success, and the proceeds were used for the benefit of the Orphan Asylum.

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 The funeral of General Oliver H. Palmer was held yesterday morning in the Calvary Protestant Episcopal Church. The Rev. Dr. Henry V. Satterlee officiated at the service. The funeral was attended by a large number of friends and relatives.

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MR. KASSON ON PROTECTION.

A RINGING SPEECH IN BROOKLYN.
 Congressman John A. Kasson, of Iowa, delivered an address before the Brooklyn Revenue Reform Club on the subject of protection.

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